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**PATENT**

In re application of: Sasaki

Application No.: 10/761,780

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Title: PUSH SWITCH DEVICE

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**AMENDMENT A**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 22, 2005. Please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated in the following pages.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

member, only resin dust, not metallic dust, may be produced. Such resin dust may be advantageous to avoid short-circuiting the switch, as opposed to metallic dust which can cause a short circuit.

Nation, Latwesen, Reed, and Valenzona have been reviewed, and found not to teach or suggest the above-identified claimed features. Therefore, current independent claim 4 is believed to be allowable over the cited art.

In view of the foregoing, independent claims 1, 3, and 4 and their dependent claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance at an early date. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 510-663-1100, ext. 245.

Respectfully submitted,  
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